

REMARKS

Initially, Applicants' undersigned attorney wishes to thank Examiner Flores-Sanchez for the time and courtesies extended during a personal interview in the application. A Statement of Substance of Interview is being filed concurrently herewith.

The specification has been amended to conform to the drawings as amended to include newly-presented Figure 5D. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

A Submission of Corrected Sheet of the Drawings is being filed concurrently herewith in which Figure 5D has been presented as required by the Examiner.

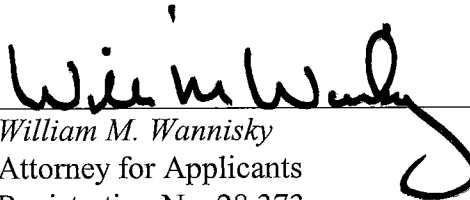
Claims 1 and 3 through 13 are currently pending in the application, with Claims 1, 10, and 11 being independent.

Claims 1, 10, and 11 have been amended to reinstate that the position unit positions a sheet at a predetermined punching position in a direction substantially orthogonal to a conveying direction of the sheet, by grasping both end portions of the sheet in a lateral direction. The underlined text was deleted in an Amendment After Final Rejection filed June 2, 2006. The underlined text was reinstated as a result of the above-noted personal interview. The Statement of Substance of Interview discusses the amendment to the claims. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the application are earnestly solicited.

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